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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization, the endoscope container being stored in a high-pressure sterilizing device, the endoscope container comprising:

a tray serving as a housing and having a plurality of pores;

a lid member blocking an opening of the tray and having a plurality of pores;

and

a positioning member, formed in at least one of the tray and lid member, for positioning an insertion member of an endoscope in order to stow the insertion member in the container in a state of having the insertion member bent in a predetermined form, the positioning member restricting bending of a predetermined portion of the insertion member so that a bend radius of a bending portion formed at the predetermined portion of the insertion member of the endoscope ~~having a distal end provided with an observation window~~ will be larger than a bend radius of other portions of the insertion member, the insertion member having a distal end provided with an observation window

wherein the positioning member corresponding with the predetermined portion of the insertion member restricts bending of at least a distal 70 cm portion of the insertion member.

2. (Original) An endoscope container for high-pressure steam sterilization according to Claim 1, wherein said positioning member includes a concave predetermined-portion part of said tray.